

Potlatch- "Every day he picks on me." This is a common complaint of many kids in our schools. First graders at Potlatch Elementary learned a great lesson about this controlling behavior that picks on those who are weaker, called bullying.

FCCLA "Stop the Violence" Puppets brought them 5 different ways to deal with bullies. 1) Turn their insults into compliments. 2) Agree with their sarcastic remarks. 3) Dont be afraid to tell the bully how you feel, 4) Turn their insults into a question. 5) Never confront a bunch of bullies. The child development class took part in the planning and presenting process as part of a peer education unit. Shaylee Politte, Matt Quimby, Adam Winter, Tyler Renz, Paige Nelson and Stephanie Westbrook were the presenters, and they took a sack load of puppets along for the first graders in Mrs Myott and Miss Hargrave's classes to practice dealing with bullies.

What can kids do about bullies? They must report, or share what is going on to protect themself and others. Kids should "use their wits, not their mitts' to make themselves "bully proof." Kids were told to sit up tall, hold their heads up high and look the bully square in the eye. Then they were reminded to use the 5 methods above to sidetrack bullies. The children enjoyed the show a lot, according to Shaylee Politte, one of the organizers. You can tell by the grins in the picture, that puppets can teach valuable lessons.

